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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

EISENBERG et al.

Application No.: 09/825,242

Filed: April 2, 2001

For: SELECTION OF SITES FOR TARGETING BY ZINC FINGER PROTEINS AND METHODS OF DESIGNING ZINC FINGER PROTEINS TO BIND TO PRESELECTED SITES

John S. Brusca Examiner:

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COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed February 18, 2003, Applicants enclose the following items requested by the Examiner:

- A clean version of the substitute specification incorporating all changes to 1. specification made by previous amendments, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a).
- A courtesy copy of the preliminary amendment filed with the specification 2. on April 2, 2001.

The specification has been amended to include a sentence describing the priority data for this application. Because this priority claim was previously submitted in both the ADS

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and transmittal letter filed with the application on April 2, 2001, the amendment does not constitute new matter.

The claims in the substitute specification reflect the status of claims following submission of the Preliminary Amendment filed April 2, 2001. Briefly, claims 1-34, 44-47, and 50-51 have been canceled. Claims 35-43, 48-49, and 52-53 are pending.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at .

Respectfully submitted,

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For: SELECTION OF SITES FOR TARGETING BY ZINC FINGER PROTEINS AND METHODS OF DESIGNING ZINC FINGER PROTEINS TO BIND TO PRESELECTED SITES Examiner:

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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

AND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith the required paper copy of the Sequence Listing.

Applicant has concurrently filed Request To Reference Previously Filed Identical Computer Readable Copy According To 37 CFR 1.821(e); and, therefore, Applicant has not submitted computer readable copy of the sequence listing herewith.

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Zinc finger proteins (ZFPs) are proteins that can bind to DNA in a sequence-specific manner. Zinc fingers were first identified in the transcription factor TFIIIA from the oocytes of the African clawed toad, *Xenopus laevis*. An exemplary motif characterizing one class of these protein (C_2H_2 class) is $-Cys-(X)_{2-4}-Cys-(X)_{12}-His-(X)_{3-5}-His$ (SEQ ID NO:1) (where X is any amino acid). A single finger domain is about 30 amino acids in length, and

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